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Persona oriunda de Chile ora por la seguridad de su familia

Native Chilean prays for her family's safety



Lucila Rogers spent hours on the phone trying to reach family after a major earthquake hit her homeland of Chile. She also was glued to the television set seeking any information she could, all the time wondering if her family had survived the devastation of this earthquake. Lucila Rogers se pasó horas en el teléfono tratando de contactarse con su familia después de que un terremoto de magnitud azotara su país natal de Chile. Ella también estuvo pegada a la televisión viendo cualquier información que le fuera posible y preguntándose todo el tiempo si su familia había sobrevivido la devastación del terremoto.

JOE ARCE AND TONY BALANDRAN
HISPANIC NEWS

Kansas City resident Lucila Rogers received a phone call early Saturday morning and learned that a massive earthquake had struck the central part of Chile, where most of her family still resides.

La residente de Kansas City Lucila Rogers recibió una llamada telefónica temprano el sábado por la mañana y se enteró que un masivo terremoto había impactado la parte central de Chile, en donde reside la mayoría de su familia.

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NO HAY NADA MAS / PÁGINA 6

One-on-One connection with business owners



Maria Cecilia Ysaac-Belmares (left) took the opportunity to visit with the procurement participants. "I'm here to meet with purchasing directors from various cities and companies across town who are in charge of procuring professional services," she said. María Cecilia Ysaac-Belmares (A la izquierda) se dio la oportunidad de visitar con los participantes de adquisiciones. "Estoy aquí para reunirme con directores de adquisiciones de varias ciudades y compañías de la ciudad que están a cargo de adquirir servicios profesionales", dijo ella.

JOE ARCE AND TONY BALANDRAN
HISPANIC NEWS

For a small business in Kansas City, working for a larger company or obtaining a government contract is a golden opportunity.

That's what organizers of an event known as Procurement One-on-One Sessions wanted to see happen. Through that gathering, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kan-

sas City wanted to get major employers and government entities to meet and mingle with smaller minority-owned or woman-owned local enterprises.

"There are so many small businesses that would like to meet the procurement person at Children's Mercy Hos-

THIS EVENT IS MEANT TO OPEN / PAGE 3

Conexión Uno-a-Uno con dueños de negocios

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Para un pequeño negocio en Kansas City, en lo que va a trabajar para una compañía grande u obteniendo un contrato del gobierno, es una oportunidad de oro.

Eso es lo que los organizadores de un evento conocido como Sesiones de Adquisiciones Uno-a-Uno quieren ver que ocurra. Mediante esa reunión, la Cámara Hispana de Comercio del Gran Kansas City quiere hacer que los mayores empleadores y entidades gubernativas se reúnan e interactúen con empresas locales de propiedad de minorías o mujeres.

"Existen tantos pequeños negocios a los que les gustaría reunirse con la persona encargada de adquisiciones

del Hospital Children's Mercy, para que así cuando el hospital tenga una necesidad de contar con ciertos servicios, ellos puedan acercarse a estos pequeños negocios", dijo Michelle Word, administradora de recursos de diversidad para Burns & McDonnell.

Word, una portavoz en el evento, dijo que varias entidades gubernativas – incluyendo a las ciudades de Olathe, Independence, Lee's Summit y Kansas City – asistieron a las sesiones para platicar con los negocios privados. Otros participantes fueron el Departamento del Transporte de Missouri, la Universidad de Missouri-Kansas City, el casino Isle of Capri y la Universidad de Kansas.

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Family in Safer Place

Just days after a Westside residence was the target of a drive-by shooting, the family members who narrowly escaped the violence are settling into another home.

Even more important, they feel safer in a new dwelling.

Sandra Ramirez told Hispanic News that she is relieved to be living at another location. Her previous home near 23rd and Holly streets were showered with gunfire about 9 p.m. Feb. 22. Just under two dozens rounds shattered the quiet night as six members of the family were either watching television or settling down for the evening. Kansas City police are investigating the shooting.

No one was physically wounded, but the violence has left scars on their psyche, tearing down the family's sense of safety. A 3-year-old who heard the bullets crashing through the large picture window and into the walls remains jittery and startled by loud sounds.

JASSO SAID SHE CANNOT/PAGE 2



Sandra Ramirez (right) stands with her mother-in-law where they both once lived on KC's Westside. They were victims of the drive-by shooting last week. Ramirez said she is grateful that she and her family have been moved to another location and that her family is now in a safe place that they can call home. Sandra Ramirez (A la derecha) posa con su suegra en donde ambas vivieron una vez en el Westside de Kansas City. Ellas fueron víctimas de una balacera hecha desde un vehículo en marcha la semana pasada. Ramirez dijo estar agradecida de que ella y su familia han sido mudadas a otra localización y que su familia se encuentra ahora en un lugar seguro al que pueden llamar hogar.

Familia en una lugar más segura

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Tan solo a días después de que una residencia en el Westside fuera hecha blanco de disparos hechos desde un vehículo en marcha, los miembros de la familia que apenas se escaparon de la violencia se están mudando a otra casa.

Y lo que es más importante, ellos se sienten más a salvo en su nueva residencia.

Sandra Ramirez le dijo a Hispanic News que ella sentía alivio de estar viviendo en otro sitio. Su previa residencia cerca de las calles 23 y Holly fue regada de balas cerca de las 9 de la noche del 22 de febrero. Casi dos docenas de balas interrumpieron la quietud de la noche cuando seis miembros de la familia se encontraban viendo televisión o preparándose para ir a acostarse.

La policía de Kansas City está investigando la balacera.

Nadie resultó herido físicamente, pero la violencia ha dejado sus huellas en sus mentes, destrozando la sensación de seguridad de la familia. Un pequeño de tres años que escucho las balas penetrando por una ventana e intrucándose en las paredes permanece intranquilo y se asusta fácilmente con los ruidos fuertes.

Tres generaciones – niños, incluyendo a un bebé, sus padres y unos abuelos – vivían en la casa. La familia había estado luchando por los últimos meses debido a la escasez de trabajo de tiempo completo. Ramirez se había estado preguntando cómo ella y su familia se podrían mudar a otro sitio y fue entonces cuando dos agencias – el Centro Mattie Rhodes y Guadalupe Centers Inc. – llegaron juntos a ayudar.

"Hemos estado aquí en Kansas City por un tiempo corto", dijo Ramirez. "Estoy tan sorprendido que hayan hecho tanto por nosotros. Es hermoso que estas dos agencias nos hayan ayudado. Nosotros no teníamos el dinero para mudarnos de la casa".

Christina Jasso, directora del programa para los sin hogar de Guadalupe Centers Inc., dijo que recibió una llamada de parte de oficiales de Mattie Rhodes referente a la familia y comenzó a hacer arreglos para un sitio temporal hasta que se pudiera arreglar otra mudanza.

"Teníamos una vacante en nuestra casa de transición y pudimos ponerlos allí", dijo Jasso. "Nosotros les pagaremos todas las cuentas de energía y eso les ayudará a ahorrar su dinero para que lo puedan usar como enganche o depósito para un nuevo lugar".

JASSO DIJO QUE NO / PÁGINA 1

DREAM Act Bill: Will it Pass Missouri House?

JOE ARCE AND DEBRA DECOSTER •
HISPANIC NEWS

Is it right to deny students an education based on their undocumented status? What if these undocumented students have excelled in school, are leaders in their high school and are involved in their community? Should they only be allowed to receive a high school diploma and denied access to a college education?

Undocumented students in the state of Missouri are being told they can't attend a Missouri university or they must pay out of state rates even though they are a Missouri resident who has graduated from a Missouri high school.

"Imagine the frustration and heartache of those students who work so hard to learn English and to excel in their studies only to find they cannot continue their education after high school because of the high cost of out

"I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS" / PAGE 1



Nearly 30 students from the Kansas City and St. Louis communities traveled to the state capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri last week to give a voice and put a face to the undocumented students. They were there to support the Dream Act Bill. Cerca de 30 estudiantes de las comunidades de Kansas City y St. Louis viajaron hasta la capital del estado en Jefferson City, Missouri la semana pasada para sacar la voz y ponerle un rostro a los estudiantes indocumentados. Ellos estuvieron allí para respaldar el proyecto de ley del Acta DREAM.

Proyecto de Ley para el Acta DREAM: ¿Pasará en la Casa de Representantes de Missouri?

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

¿Es correcto negarles a los estudiantes una educación basándose en sus estatus indocumentados? ¿Qué sería si estos estudiantes indocumentados se destacan en la escuela, son líderes en sus escuelas secundarias y participan en sus comunidades? ¿Debería solamente permitírseles recibir un diploma de secundaria y negárseles el acceso a una educación universitaria?

A los estudiantes indocumentados del estado de Missouri se les está diciendo que no pueden asistir a una universidad de Missouri o ellos deben pagar tarifas propias de alguien que vive fuera del

estado aunque ellos sean residentes de Missouri que se han graduado de una escuela secundaria de Missouri.

"Imagínense la frustración y el dolor de cabeza de aquellos estudiantes que trabajan con tanto ahínco para aprender inglés y para destacarse en sus estudios solamente para darse cuenta que no pueden continuar con su educación después de la escuela secundaria debido al alto costo que significa pagar sus inscripciones con tarifas que comúnmente se le aplican a estudiantes de fuera del estado", dijo la Senadora Jolie Justus.

Por dos años Justus ha reintroducido legislación para el Acta DREAM

en Missouri. La semana pasada fue la primera vez que a la legislación se le haya dado una audiencia de parte del Comité del Senado para la Educación y estudiantes partidarios del proyecto de ley para el Acta DREAM viajaron para asistir a la audiencia y darle su respaldo a SB 783, que es como la legislación es referida.

La legislación se aseguraría de que los estudiantes calificaran para pagar tarifas universitarias propias de quienes residen en el estado sin importar sus estatus migratorios. La legislación estipula que las instituciones de educación superior en Missouri que

"YO SÉ QUE ES DIFÍCIL" / PÁGINA 8

Jasso said she cannot image the family's fear

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Three generations – children, including an infant, their parents and a set of grandparents – lived in the house. The family had been struggling for the past several months because of the scarcity of full-time work. Ramirez wondered how she and her family would relocate, and that's when two agencies – Mattie Rhodes Center and the Guadalupe Centers Inc. – came together to help.

"We have been here in Kansas City for a short time," Ramirez said. "I was so surprised that so much was being done for us. It's a beautiful thing that these two agencies helped us. We didn't have the money to move out of the house."

Christina Jasso, homeless program director for Guadalupe Centers Inc., said she received a call from Mattie Rhodes officials about the family and began to arrange for temporary shelter until another move could be arranged.

"We had a vacancy in our transitional housing and we were able to put them in there," Jasso said. "We will pay all the utility bills and that will allow them to save their money so they can use it for a down payment or deposit for a new place."

Jasso said she cannot image the family's fear and anxiety in the wake of the shooting. "I have six children of my own and I would be frantic."

She said the first concern for the family was moving to a safer place.

"We've had this happen before with other victims in the past," Jasso told Hispanic News. "It rocks your core. You lose sleep, you get sick, you're stressed out and you can't even think about what to do next. But the first thing you think about is getting protection for your family by moving away from the area."

The Guadalupe Centers and Mattie Rhodes Center are two key organizations in a new effort that will streamline emergency help to victims of violent crime. Not yet formally introduced to the community, the endeavor will be called the KC Latino Task Force Against Violent Crime.

Final details of the task force remain in the works, but the Feb. 23 shooting pushed into action what officials at many human service agencies have been discussing for months – how to reach victims faster in their time of greatest need.

"If we don't collaborate, if all these agencies do not pull together, then we will not be successful in facing the crises or needs of the community," Jasso said.

For that reason, she shared phone conversations with the Mattie Rhodes Center and Kansas City police officer Chato Villalobos to talk about what the family needs. Soon afterward, the Task Force agencies were at work.

Lisa Sidenstick, the Latino task force advocate for the Mattie Rhodes Center, said she received a call from Villalobos asking for any assistance the task force could offer in terms of mental health services for the family or alternative housing. Villalobos, who has attended the community task force meetings during the past few months, said he was happy to see that within 48 hours of the shooting, the Jimenez-Ramirez family were relocated and services were being provided by two agencies.

Family members said they felt lucky to be alive. Sidenstick added, "So often that's not the case and with all the rounds of bullets hitting the house inside and out, I believed it was a miracle no one

was hurt. We are grateful no one was killed and that we were able to put this family in a better living situation."

Villalobos said he was relieved to see the victims of the shooting get help.

"In a matter of a day and half, the basic needs of the family were addressed through the collaboration of organizations," he said. "The thing that made me happy was hearing about the vision of the community coming together to address this type of issue – of getting help to victims who otherwise wouldn't know these resources existed."

For several months, Villalobos said he had known about the Latino Task Force Against Crime and remained enthusiastic about the idea, "but you never know until you get that first case of how it's going to work and whether people are just talking the talk or whether they will walk the walk."

He said the police department assures victims the investigation is proceeding, but cannot address or promise other services such as counseling or alternative housing. But he said being in contact with organizations through the Task

Force allowed him to steer the family in the right direction. Knowing the family is in a safer home gives him a good feeling, he said.

"These organizations were within walking distance of victims' home, but they didn't know about the services available," Villalobos said. "This is our first victory for the Task Force. We were able to help this one family and that should be celebrated."

Erika Noguera, community services coordinator for Mattie Rhodes Center, said the Guadalupe Center will help the family with housing needs but Mattie Rhodes will provide any mental health services if the family requests it.

"When we hear that something like this has happened in the community, we reach out to them and ask what needs they may have, and we will let them know that there are resources available," Noguera said.

She said being the victim of a drive-by shooting is traumatic for a family, and the Task Force's goal is to inform victims what is available in the network of support and provide information so victims don't have to look aimlessly during a difficult time.



Alfredo Jimenez and his infant son were in harm's way just a week ago. He still can't understand why someone would want to hurt his family. Alfredo Jiménez y su bebé estuvieron en peligro tan sólo hace una semana. Él aún no puede entender por qué alguien querría lastimar a su familia.

She said although the Task Force is not formally in place, organizers hope it will build partnerships between agencies to help victims and thus lead to some crime prevention efforts as well.

Meanwhile, Ramirez said she is grateful for the community support given to her family so soon after the shooting.

"Everyone has been concerned about my family's well-being."

Anyone with information about the shooting or any crime is asked to call 816-474-TIPS or the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department at 816-234-5227. Callers can remain anonymous.

Jasso dijo que no puede imaginarse el temor de la familia



The owner of the home offered the Jimenez family another place to live within days of the shooting. The owners were concerned for the family's safety. She told them there would be no charge of rent until they could get on their feet once again.

El dueño de la casa le ofreció a Jiménez ya su familia otro lugar para vivir a pocos días de la balacera. A los dueños les preocupaba la seguridad de la familia. Ella les dijo que no les cobraría el arriendo hasta que pudieran ponerse de pie una vez más.

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Jasso dijo que ella no puede imaginarse el temor y la ansiedad de la familia causado por la balacera. "Tengo seis hijos propios y estaría en un estado de agitación."

Ella dijo que la primera preocupación para la familia era mudarse a un lugar más seguro.

"Nosotros habíamos visto ocurrir algo como esto antes con víctimas en el pasado", Jasso le dijo a Hispanic News. "Te estremece hasta adentro, uno se enferma, uno siente tensión y uno ni siquiera puede pensar qué hacer luego. Pero la primera cosa que uno piensa es obtener protección para tu familia mudándose del área".

Guadalupe Centers y el Centro Mattie Rhodes son dos organizaciones claves en un nuevo esfuerzo que agilizará la ayuda de emergencias a víctimas de crímenes violentos. Aún sin ser introducida a la comunidad, el esfuerzo será llamado la Fuerza de Tarea Latina Contra el Crimen Violento KC.

Los detalles finales para la fuerza de tarea permanecen en su etapa de implementación, pero la balacera del 23 de febrero empujó su inicio lo que muchos oficiales en varias agencias de servicios humanos habían estado discutiendo por meses – cómo llegarle más rápido a las víctimas cuando se encuentran más necesitadas.

"Si no colaboramos, si todas estas agencias no trabajan juntas, entonces no tendremos éxito en enfrentar las crisis o necesidades de la comunidad", dijo Jasso.

Por esa razón, ella comparó conversaciones telefónicas con el Centro Mattie Rhodes y el agente de la policía de Kansas City Chato Villalobos para platicar sobre lo que las familias necesitan. Luego de ello, las agencias de la fuerza de tarea se encontraron trabajando.

Lisa Sidenstick, quien aboga por la fuerza de tarea en el Centro Mattie Rhodes, dijo haber recibido una llamada de parte de Villalobos pidiéndole cualquier asistencia que la fuerza de tarea pudiera ofrecer en lo referente a servicios de la salud mental para la familia o viviendas alternativas. Villalobos, quien ha asistido a las reuniones de la fuerza de tarea durante los pasados últimos meses, dijo estar feliz de ver que a 48 horas de ocurrida la balacera, la familia Jiménez-Ramírez fue reubicada y servicios fueron proveídos por dos agencias.

Familiares dijeron sentirse afortunados de encontrarse con vida. Sidenstick agregó, "Bastante a menudo ese no es el caso y con todas las balas impactando la casa dentro y afuera, creo que fue un milagro que nadie resultó herido. Estamos agradecidos que nadie resultó muerto y que fuimos capaces de hacer que esta familia pueda vivir en mejores condiciones".

Villalobos dijo estar aliviado de ver que las víctimas de la balacera consiguieron ayuda.

"En cosa de un día y medio, las necesidades básicas de la familias fueron atendidas mediante la colaboración de or-

ganizaciones", dijo él. "Lo que me alegró fue escuchar sobre la visión de la comunidad para reunirse y tratar ese tipo de problemas – de llevarle ayuda a las víctimas que de otra manera no hubieran sabido que allí existen esos recursos".

Por varios meses, Villalobos dijo que había sabido de la Fuerza de Tarea Latina Contra el Crimen Violento y se mantuvo entusiasta sobre la idea, "pero uno nunca sabe cómo funcionará hasta que recibe el primer caso y uno no sabe si la gente solamente habla por hablar".

Él dijo que el departamento de policía le ha asegurado a las víctimas que la investigación está en marcha, pero no puede tratar o prometer otros servicios tales como consejería o viviendas alternativas. Pero él dijo que el estar en contacto con organizaciones por intermedio de la fuerza de tarea le ha permitido dirigir a la familia hacia la dirección correcta. Sabiendo que la familia está en un hogar más seguro le hace sentir bien, dijo él.

"Estas organizaciones se encontraban a pasos de distancia de la casa de las víctimas, pero no sabían que esos servicios se encontraban disponibles", dijo Villalobos. "Esta es nuestra primera victoria para la Fuerza de Tarea. Fuimos capaces de ayudar a esta familia y eso debería ser celebrado".

Erika Noguera, coordinadora de servicios comunitarios del Centro Mattie Rhodes ofrecerá cualquier servicio para la salud mental si la familia lo pide.

"Cuando escuchamos que algo como esto ha ocurrido en la comunidad, nos acercamos a ellos y le preguntamos qué necesidades pudieran tener y les dejamos saber que allí hay recursos disponibles", dijo Noguera.

Ella dijo que el ser víctima de una balacera hecha desde un vehículo en marcha es traumático para una familia y la meta de la fuerza de tarea es la de informarla a las víctimas lo que se encuentra disponible en la red de apoyo y entregarles información para que las víctimas no tengan que buscar sin rumbo durante tiempos difíciles.

Ella dijo que aunque la Fuerza de Tarea no está instaurada formalmente, los organizadores esperan que construirá sociedades entre las agencias para ayudar a las víctimas y así también llevará

a más esfuerzos para la prevención del crimen.

Mientras tanto, Ramírez dijo estar agradecida por el apoyo que la comunidad le ha dado a su familia tan pronto después de la balacera.

"Todos han estado preocupados sobre el bienestar de mi familia".

A cualquier persona con información sobre la balacera o cualquier crimen se le pide que llamen al 816-474-TIPS o al Departamento de Policía de Kansas City, Mo. En el 816-234-5227. Las personas que llamen permanecerán anónimas.



Jimenez showed Hispanic News his infant's clothing that had been hit by bullets.

Jiménez le mostró a Hispanic News ropa del bebé que había sido alcanzada por las balas.

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MARK FUNKHOUSER

Mayor Funkhouser wants to hear from Kansas City residents about the issues they consider most important. Join the Mayor to share your views and learn about the issues facing your City government.



This event is meant to open up business doors

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hospital, so when the hospital has a need for certain services they can turn to these smaller businesses," said Michelle Word, supply diversity manager for Burns & McDonnell.

Word, a spokeswoman for the event, said several government entities – including the cities of Olathe, Independence, Lee's Summit and Kansas City – attended the sessions to talk with private businesses. Other participants were the Missouri Department of Transportation, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Isle of Capri Casino and the University of Kansas.

"This is meant to open up some doors for the small businesses," she said, giving them a chance to have one-on-one

time with the procurement representatives of the major organizations "so they can speak to them about their company's qualifications and capabilities."

Word said the Hispanic Chamber is host to the sessions every quarter and usually invites the smaller member businesses to the events. The Chamber also rotates the types of major businesses it invites to the event. For example, she said, hospitals in the Kansas City area may be invited to the next session.

Also asked to attend the procurement sessions was the Small Business Administration, which helps businesses gain certification as a minority-owned enterprise (MBE) or a woman-owned enterprise (WBE). With such distinction, a small business has an advantage of landing a

contract with a government employer that has requirements on the number of MBEs or WBEs on each project.

Tara Torres, a salesman for ASI (a signage company), said he came to the session to network and learn more about how larger businesses buy products and services. "I want to make sure I'm not missing on any opportunities," Torres said.

Maria Cecilia Ysaac-Belmares, of A+ Communication Interpreting and Translation Services, said she was taking advantage of the sessions to gain more work.

"I'm here to meet with purchasing directors from various cities and companies across town who are in charge of procuring professional services," she said.

Work for her translation and interpreting business is growing, she said, because of the changing demographics in the area. There are more homes where more than one language is spoken.

In her talks with the major businesses, she wanted to make sure they know how to qualify and verify the qualifications of an interpreter and translator.

"They (major businesses) are aware of the Hispanic market and that is why they are here today in partnership with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. They have realized the market, but they are not sure how to select language services or how to weed out the startup or the people without qualifications in the field," Belmares said.



The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC hosted its first procurement One-on-One sessions of 2010 at the JE Dunn Construction's world headquarters in downtown KC. Area Hispanic businesses took the opportunity to visit with this year's participants and to learn how they can do business with each other.

La Cámara Hispana de Comercio del Gran KC auspició sus primeras sesiones de adquisiciones Uno-a-Uno del 2010 en los cuarteles generales mundiales de la Empresa Constructora JE Dunn en el centro de KC. Negocios hispanos del área aprovecharon la oportunidad de visitar a los participantes de este año y para aprender cómo pueden hacer negocios los unos con los otros.

Esto Evento tiene la oportunidad para abrir puertas de negocios

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"Esto se trata de abrir algunas puertas para los pequeños negocios", dijo ella, dándoles una oportunidad de reunirse de uno-a-uno con los representantes de adquisiciones de organizaciones mayores "para que les puedan hablar sobre las calificaciones y capacidades de sus compañías".

Word dijo que la Cámara Hispana es anfitriona de las sesiones cada tres meses y comúnmente invita a los miembros de los negocios más pequeños a los eventos. La cámara también hace rotar los tipos de negocios mayores que invitan al evento. Por ejemplo, dijo ella, los hospitales en el área de Kansas

City pudieran ser invitados para la próxima sesión.

A la Administración de los Pequeños Negocios también se le pidió asistir a las sesiones de adquisiciones. Esta entidad ayuda a los negocios a obtener certificaciones como empresas de propiedad de minorías (MBE, por sus siglas en inglés). Con tal distinción, un pequeño negocio tiene una ventaja de obtener un contrato con un empleador del gobierno que tenga como requisito una cierta cantidad de MBEs o WBEs en cada proyecto.

Tara Torres, una vendedora de ASI (Una compañía de señales), dijo que vino a la sesión a establecer redes de contacto y aprender más sobre

cómo los negocios grandes compran productos y servicios. "Quiero asegurarme que no me estoy perdiendo ninguna oportunidad", dijo Torres.

María Cecilia Ysaac-Belmares, De la Compañía de Servicios de Traducciones e Intérpretes A+ Communication, dijo que estaba aprovechando las sesiones para obtener más trabajo.

"Estoy aquí para reunirme con directores de compras de varias ciudades y compañías de toda la ciudad quienes están a cargo de adquirir servicios profesionales", dijo ella.

El trabajo para su negocio de traducciones e intérpretes está creciendo, dijo ella, debido a los cambios en la demografía del área.

Allí existen más hogares donde se habla más de un idioma.

En sus pláticas con negocios mayores, ella quiso asegurarse de que ellos saben cómo calificar y verificar las calificaciones de un intérprete y de un traductor.

"Ellos (Los negocios de más envergadura) están consientes del mercado hispano y es por eso que ellos están aquí hoy asociándose con la Cámara Hispana de Comercio. Ellos han notado el mercado, pero no están seguros de cómo seleccionar servicios idiomáticos o cómo discriminar entre quienes recién se inician o las personas sin calificaciones en el campo", dijo Belmares.

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A public forum for At Large Candidates for KCMO School District Board of Education will be held Thursday, March 11, 7PM, at Tony Aguirre Community Center, 2050 West Pennway, KCMO.

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The New Sorcerers' Apprentice

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HOUSTON — Some ancient history might help us get a perspective on a contemporary situation. Here goes:

Following the fall of the Roman Empire, Europe went into a long dormant period. With it went an intellectual tradition that had begun with the ancient Greeks and had persisted into Roman times, from roughly 44 B.C. until about 476 A.D.

Previously, scientific and engineering and social knowledge had been the basis for understanding all sorts of change and progress. Now, a millennium of very slow or no development followed, called the Dark Ages. For instance, Aristarchus of Samos (310 BC – ca. 230 BC) had already formulated eighteen hundred years before Copernicus (1473-1543) that the earth

was a round planet moving within a complex system. But a disbelieving public and policy centers could not absorb those scientific possibilities. Magical thinking was more important.

After a thousand years, the Dark Ages ended when superstitious thinking and legends had to give way to systematic thinking and discovery, called the Enlightenment, which also brought us the modern concept of science and knowledge. History became a progression of events instead of stringing myths together. But old habits are hard to break, even when they are staring you in the face.

For instance, in 1751, nearly three centuries after the Dark Ages had ended, French philosopher Denis Diderot published the Encyclopedia as a monument to the age of reason,

wisdom and knowledge. In it, "America," whose exploration had begun two and a half centuries before, occupied a quarter of a page. Not until years later was a Supplement printed containing 19 pages about the continent.

This shows how the obvious can be overlooked when people are obsessed with their closed-mindedness.

Today, we have, by many who never cared before, the phenomenon of having discovered Latinos and are trying to go from a quarter page to 19 pages. The reason is obvious.

The motivation for the sudden attention given Latinos is the realization that Hispanic voters increased by two million from the 2004 to the 2008 presidential election. The number of non-Hispanic white voters was not statistically different from 2004. The sudden enlightenment, for in-

stance, like the Feb. 16 launch of the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, is less about conservative values but self-interest and marketing outreach.

Washington Times blogger Thomas Peters reported as much in his interview with spokesperson Alfonso Aguilar who said his group would focus on educating conservatives about Hispanic values (as if Hispanics are not mostly already integrated into society) and about immigration (which in power centers means defining Latinos as "outsiders"). Aguilar acknowledged to Peters "many conservatives may not come out in support of reform immediately but that as the Hispanic vote continues to increase, they will see the demographic necessity to back reform."

But the transparent statement shows it is not about enlightenment but a gimmick. It is not about "principles" but marketing.

Wayne Besen, founder of a non-profit group that debunks anti-gay misrepresentations and myths, says that the Latino Conservative Principles organizer Robert P. George has a "primary talent, it seems, is to trick the unschooled and easily fooled," in this case other conservatives. That kind of hocus-pocus takes us back to the Dark Ages, when sophistry, fake religion, magic, anti-progress schemes, encouraged many Sorcerers' apprentices.

You can see in its post-modern form, how a wart of frog, deceptive intentions and ignorance of Latino civic history don't add up to good principals. It might work for fundraising purposes but it looks like a trick

bag to enroll Latinos into somebody else's political agenda.

In other words, like the Dark Ages, there seems to be a movement afoot by those who don't know to tell others in a quarter page all about the half millennium of Hispanic values and reducing it all to tiring political wedge issues, cherry-picked platitudes and—schizam!!!—Now you see the principles, now you don't.

NEXT: WHAT ARE CONSERVATIVE LATINO VALUES?

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El Nuevo Aprendiz Del Hechicero

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HOUSTON — Un poco de historia antigua podrá iluminar nuestra perspectiva sobre una situación contemporánea. Aquí va:

Tras la caída del Imperio Romano, Europa entró en un largo periodo inactivo. Con ello también se sumergió una tradición intelectual que databa de los griegos antiguos y que había persistido hasta la época romana, de aproximadamente el año 44 a. C. Hasta el año 476 d. C.

Anteriormente, el conocimiento científico, ingeniero y social había sido el fundamento de la comprensión de todo tipo de cambio y progreso. Ahora, un milenio de muy poco o ningún desarrollo prosiguió, llamado la Era del Oscurantismo. Por ejemplo, Aristarco, de Samos (310 a. C. a 230 a. C.) ya había formulado mil ochocientos años antes que Copérnico (1473-1543) que la tierra era un planeta redondo que se movía dentro de un sistema complejo. Pero no eran capaces de absorber estas posibilidades científicas el público incrédulo y los centros de políticas. Era más importante el pensamiento mágico.

Después de mil años, terminó la Era del Oscurantismo cuando el pensamiento supersticioso y las leyendas tenían que hacer campo para el pensamiento sistemático y el descubrimiento, llamado la Ilustración, época que también nos trajo el concepto moderno de la ciencia y el conocimiento. La historia se convirtió en una progresión de eventos, en vez de concatenar los mitos como historia. Pero las viejas costumbres son difíciles de romper, aun cuando te las enfrentas cara a cara.

Por ejemplo, en 1751, a casi tres siglos del final de la Era del Oscurantismo, el filósofo francés, Denis Diderot, publicó la Enciclopedia como un monumento a la edad de la razón, la sabiduría y el

conocimiento. En ella, "América," cuya exploración había comenzado dos siglos y medio antes, ocupó un cuarto de página. No fue sino hasta años más tarde que se imprimió un Suplemento que contenía 19 páginas sobre el continente.

Esto muestra cómo lo obvio puede quedar sin considerar cuando la gente está obsesionada con su pequeñez mental.

Hoy tenemos, de parte de muchos a quienes antes nunca les importó, el fenómeno de haber descubierto a los latinos, y están tratando de pasar de un cuarto de página a 19 páginas. La razón es obvia.

La motivación por la repentina atención otorgada a los latinos es el darse cuenta que los electores hispanos aumentaron en dos millones entre los comicios presidenciales del 2004 a los del 2008. El número de electores blancos, no-hispanos, no tuvo una diferencia estadística entre los dos años. La repentina iluminación, por ejemplo, como el lanzamiento del 16 de febrero del grupo Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, tiene menos que hacer con los valores conservadores que con el interés propio y el enlace mercantil.

Bloguero del Washington Times, Thomas Peters, reportó esto en su entrevista con el vocero del grupo, Alfonso Aguilar, quien dijo que el enfoque de su grupo sería la educación de los conservadores sobre los valores hispanos (como si los hispanos no estuvieran ya mayormente integrados en la sociedad) y sobre la inmigración (término que en los centros de poder implica definir a los latinos como "extraños"). Aguilar le reconoció a Peters que "muchos conservadores podrán no salir a favor de la reforma inmediatamente, pero en lo que sigue aumentando el voto hispano, verán la necesidad demográfica y respaldarán la reforma."

Pero esta aseveración transparente muestra que no se trata de la ilumi-

nación, sino de un truco. No se trata de "principios" sino de marketing.

Wayne Bensen, fundador del grupo sin fines de lucro que desmiente las erróneas representaciones y los mitos en contra de los homosexuales, dice que el organizador de Latino Conservative Principles, Robert P. George, tiene un "talento primario, parece, para engañar a los que no tienen instrucción y a quienes es fácil engañar", en este caso, a otros conservadores. Ese tipo de abracadabra nos regresa a la Era del Oscurantismo, cuando la sofistería, la religión falsa, la magia, las ardidres en contra del progreso, animaron a muchos aprendices de hechiceros.

Ahora se lo ve con forma posmoderna, como la verruga de un sapo, las intenciones engañosas y la ignorancia de la historia cívica latina no equivalen a buenos principios. Podrá funcionar para fines de recaudación de fondos, pero parece ser una bolsa de trucos para matricular a latinos en la agenda política de otra gente.

En otras palabras, como la Era del Oscurantismo, parece haber un movimiento impulsado por los que no saben para decirles a otros en un cuarto de página todo lo que hay sobre medio milenio de valores hispanos y reducirlo todo a fatigantes temas de cuña política, lugares comunes cuidadosamente seleccionados y — ¡ajá! — Ahora se ven los principios, ahora ya no.. CONTINUACIÓN: ¿CUÁLES SON LOS VALORES DEL LATINO CONSERVADOR?

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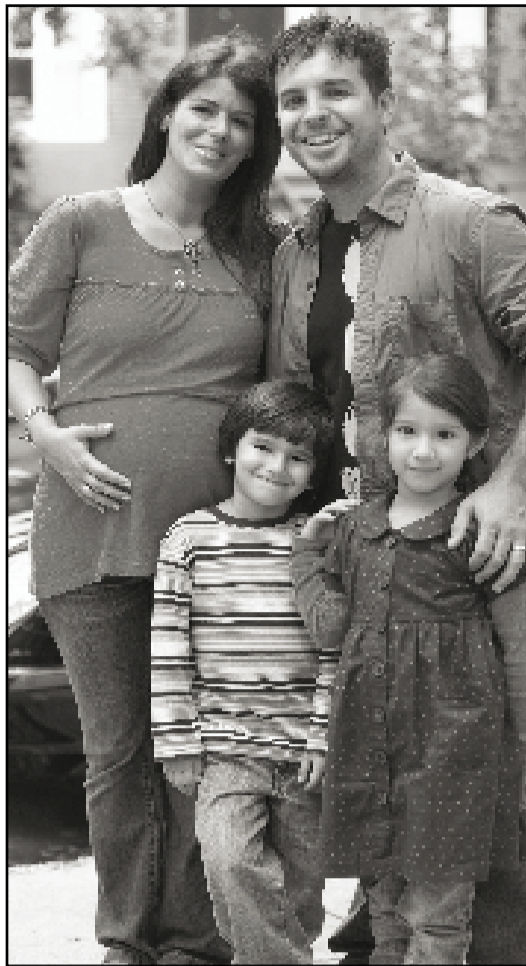
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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri, commencing at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at the Town Pavilion Conference Center, 1100 Walnut, 4th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the proposed Fifth Amendment (the "Amendment") to the North Oak Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan").

The proposed Fifth Amendment, if approved, would allow for modifications to the Redevelopment Project Costs.

The Redevelopment Area includes two noncontiguous areas which are generally bounded by: (1) NE 43rd Street on the north, property line of the old Farmland Building (3301 North Oak Trafficway) on the south and property line of commercial properties facing North Oak Traffic way and (2) southern boundary of the existing Baptist Seminary buildings on the north, Vivion Road on the south, western boundary of a tract commonly known as the President's house on the east and North Oak Trafficway on the west (the "Redevelopment Area") in Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri.

The Plan, as revised, may be reviewed by any interested party on or after Wednesday, January 6, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Tax Increment Financing Commission, 1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri.

According to Section 99.830.3 all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

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Escaping Old Ideas on Puerto Rico's Economy

by Miguel A. Soto-Class

During the current global economic crisis, someone who has been constantly mentioned because of his interventionist theories for mitigating recessionary cycles is the famous British economist John Maynard Keynes. However, for me, Keynes' most important declaration was that "the difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from the old ones."

This was precisely one of the objectives for The Center for the New Economy's (CNE) 2010 Economic Conference held on February 19th in San Juan. It provided a space for finding ways out of the economic standstill Puerto Rico is in, not through new ideas but through convergences, shared goals and coordinated actions.

The conference is a CNE initiative to establish an annual forum to diagnose the state of Puerto Rico's economy from independent and scientifically rigorous perspectives. Its intention is to measure Puerto Rico's economic performance across time in order to provide a multi-sector forum for dialogue in the search of convergence.

The keynote speaker at the Conference was the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, William C. Dudley. He warned that, despite some good news, it was too early to pop champagne

corks in celebration of an economic recovery.

After Dudley's keynote, we had three presentations by economists. The first one was by Dr. Juan Lara, Professor of Economics at the University of Puerto Rico, who brilliantly summarized the macroeconomic situation of the island. In a similar vein to Mr. Dudley, he alerted us to the fact that Puerto Rico's economy, though stabilizing, is in for a long recovery.

The second presentation was given by Sergio Marxuach, CNE's Director of Public Policy. He introduced a new series of economic indicators that aim to broaden the definition of progress beyond economic statistics. These indicators show that even though Puerto Rico had an impressive increase in its Gross National Product from 1950 to 2008, income distribution has not improved in this period. In fact, for the 40% poorest households, the situation has worsened.

Afterwards, Dr. Harold Toro, CNE's Research Director, shared with us some of the initial findings of Puerto Rico's First Survey of Household Finances (2007-08). This survey revealed a very unequal distribution of wealth in Puerto Rico.

The purpose of the new series of economic indicators and the survey on household finances that were presented was to introduce more sophisticated

ways to measure development than indicators currently in use. They also allow for an approach that measures not only the current economic well-being but also that of future generations. Both projects represent one of the principal values of CNE: the use of empirical data to formulate public policy.

After the presentations, a final panel was convened to spur a social dialogue among leading representatives of different sectors of the Puerto Rican society. During this conversation, we realized that we have to democratize economic knowledge and information and develop a common language that can help us establish trust among different sectors of our economy and our society. Certainly, this is not an easy objective, but the effort is well worth it because an economically vibrant Puerto Rico is an urgent priority.

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Getting Outside Of Washington

by U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill

Washington has a way of isolating itself from tough decisions and difficult situations. For many, it's easier to live in a bubble rather than face hard realities.

But our country didn't become a superpower by taking the easy road and ignoring tough choices. And, choosing the path of least resistance is not the way to stay on top.

The truth is our country is facing serious challenges both at home and across the globe, and none of it will be solved by staying inside the Washington bubble.

I come home to Missouri every chance I get – nearly every weekend in fact – to stay in touch with Missourians and our challenges at home. The people of Missouri are, after all, my bosses. But last week there's a good reason I didn't come home: I spent that week getting on-the-ground exposure to the tough national security issues facing our country with visits to Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Kuwait and the headquarters for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). I knew that getting out of Washington was necessary if I wanted a clear picture of what's actually happening on the ground there.

My first order of business on the trip was to visit with Missouri troops stationed in Kuwait. These brave men and women never cease to amaze me. I can tell everyone back in Missouri that our state is being

well represented by the highest quality servicemen and women. They and their families have my thanks and unending respect.

Meeting our brave troops who are working so hard to keep us safe inspired me to get down to the nitty-gritty of some of the work I enjoy most: rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse in government contracts. In both Kuwait and Afghanistan, I went and visited the facilities where contractors were working. I questioned contracting oversight personnel. I pressed to make sure the billions in dollars in equipment leaving Iraq is being fully accounted for.

When I was in Iraq three years ago, the state of contracting oversight could only be described as the "wild west". After my recent visit, I am glad to report that we're doing better. Nonetheless, we are far from good enough. As chairman of a committee responsible for contracting oversight, I will be vigilant in following up and continuing aggressive oversight of how American taxpayer dollars are being spent on contracting in the Middle East and Central Asia.

While in Afghanistan, I also sat down with General Stanley McChrystal, the top military commander, and U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, among other senior leaders, to review the security situation there. As I told these men, I recognize that the threat to America from terrorist forces in and around Afghanistan is real. That is why I supported adding near-

ly 50,000 troops to the region and a renewed focus on fighting to secure the place where the attacks against America on 9/11/01 originated. I want to make sure we are making progress in achieving America's goals in Afghanistan: eliminating remaining terrorists, the Taliban, which has supported them, and any ability for terrorist forces trying to organize attacks against the United States.

I can say, after my visit, that we are making progress, but much work remains to be done. The situation in the Afghanistan region is more complex than it appears. The terrain, the people, the enemy forces, the surrounding countries all provide substantial challenges of their own. And so, while I was encouraged by much of what I saw in Afghanistan, I remain realistic. We must continue to develop and utilize smart strategies for fighting terrorism abroad, while making sure that our own government remains accountable to the American people.

After a week away from the U.S., it is nice to be home. But until the last American troops return home, as well, I'll stay firmly focused on Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and elsewhere in the region to monitor on our efforts there – and to make sure the sons and daughters of America serving in harm's way have what they need to be successful. After all, living in a bubble is no way to legislate, and it is certainly no way to develop the right policies for our country.

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"I was crying while watching the television," Rogers told Hispanic News. "When I saw the people suffering, I also felt like I was suffering. When this happened in Haiti, I felt bad because I could see how people were suffering without enough food or housing."

Immediately, she thought of her family and prayed for their safety.

Rogers immigrated to the United States in 1979 while Chile was in the midst of political unrest. She and her only brother settled in the Kansas City area. They have a sister in Mexico City, and 11 other sisters in Chile.

All of her sisters are safe, but the extent of the structural damage in Santiago, Chile, and its surrounding cities are not yet clear to her.

"If I had the money I would like to go back," Rogers said. "I would like to be with my family and do something for them. There is nothing more important than helping family."

"No hay nada más importante que ayudar a la familia," dijo Rogers.

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"Yo lloraba mientras veía la televisión", Rogers le dijo a Hispanic News. "Cuando vi a la gente sufriendo, también sentí que yo estaba sufriendo. Cuando esto sucedió en Haití, me sentí mal porque veía a la gente como sufría sin suficiente comida o viviendas".

Inmediatamente ella pensó en su familia y rezó por su seguridad.

Rogers emigró a los Estados Unidos en 1979 mientras Chile se encontraba en medio de inestabilidad política. Ella y su único hermano se avocindaron en el área de Kansas City. Ellos tienen una hermana en Ciudad de México y otras 11 hermanas en Chile.

Todas las hermanas están a salvo, pero la extensión del daño estructural en Santiago de Chile y sus ciudades aledañas aún no es claro para ella.

"Si tuviera dinero me gustaría regresar", dijo Rogers. "Me gustaría estar con mi familia y hacer algo por ellos. No hay nada más importante que ayudar a la familia".

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Bachelet, quien deja su cargo

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Bachelet, who is leaving office next week, declared several sections of central Chile "zones of catastrophe." President-elect Sebastian Pinera, who is scheduled to be sworn in March 11, has vowed to rebuild the damaged areas of Chile.

Although Rogers knows her siblings have survived the quake, all she can do is wait and hope for their continued safety.

"I'm nervous because I'm very far away," she said. "I don't know what else to do but pray."

She prays for her native country and sends email messages to her extended family and friends.

"I've tried to call, but the lines were down. There was no phone service."

She knows that one of her sisters who lives just outside Santiago has allowed neighbors to come into her home, allow-



Lucila Rogers' sisters are safe, but the extent of the structural damage in Santiago, Chile, and its surrounding cities are not yet clear to her. Las hermanas de Lucila Rogers están a salvo, pero la extensión del daño estructural en Santiago de Chile y sus ciudades aledañas aún no es claro para ella.

ing them to recharge their cell phones or plug in their refrigerators to preserve their food.

"There are many deaths there, and many who are homeless or without power," Rogers said. "They are in a bad situation."



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la semana entrante, declaró a varias secciones de Chile central como "zonas de catástrofe". El Presidente electo Sebastián Piñera, que está programado a asumir el cargo el 11 de marzo, ha jurado reconstruir las áreas dañadas de Chile.

Aunque Rogers sabe que sus hermanas han sobrevivido el terremoto, todo lo que ella puede hacer es esperar y tener esperanzas de que continúen a salvo.

"Me siento nerviosa porque estoy muy lejos", dijo ella. "No sé qué otra cosa hacer sino rezar".

Ella reza por su país nativo y

envía correos electrónicos a su familia extendida y amigos.

"He tratado de llamar, pero las líneas estaban caídas. No habían servicios telefónicos".

Ella sabe que una de sus hermanas que vive justo en las afueras de Santiago tiene vecinos que vienen a su casa, permitiéndoles recargar las baterías de sus celulares o conectar sus refrigeradores para preservar su comida.

"Hay muchos muertos allí y muchos han perdido sus casas o están sin energía eléctrica", dijo Rogers. "Ellos se encuentran en una mala situación".



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U-N-Me, God
By Crystal Bauer

Dear Lord God,
Here I am,
Walk with me daily
And hold my hand.

By night be near me,
To keep me from harm,
And wrap me safely
In your loving arms,

Day or night,
Night or Day,
It's u-n-me, God,

All the way.



Crystal D. Bauer, 51, Independence, Mo., was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 26, 2010, at Centropoint Medical Center.

Family and friends gathered on March 1, 2010 at Speaks Suburban Chapel, Independence, Mo., to recite the rosary and to share the fond memories of Crystal. She enjoyed collecting Eeyore memorabilia, and she loved joking and sharing her humor with the people at Dialysis.

She was a graduate of Lone Jack High School and had attended Vatterott College. Crystal was employed at the GM Leeds Plant for five years. She enjoyed writing novels and poems and had two of her books recently published. Crystal was a member of St. Mark's Church.

Mass of Christian burial was Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 3736 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, Mo. Cremation followed.

Survivors include her son, Jordan Bauer; parents, Don and Bonnie Bauer; brother, Fabian Bauer and wife Karen, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation. Condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Suburban Chapel.)

EVENT THIS WEEKEND!

Jose Macias Memorial Fundraiser

March 6, 2010

FOOD - FUN - DANCING - RAFFLES

Jose Macias was 17 years old, when his life was cut short in a drive-by shooting in March, 2008. A senseless act of violence left Jose dying in the street in KCK. A bullet pierced his chest and in a matter of minutes he was gone and in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As of this date "no one" has been charged in the case... It remains open! Help us add \$\$\$'s to the current \$1,000 reward fund with the TIPS-Hotline. We need to raise funds to bring more awareness in both Kansas & Missouri. By increasing the reward fund, we are hoping someone will come forward with the right information leading to an arrest for those who were responsible for this act of violence.



Time: NOON- ELEVEN P.M.

Where: La Galeria: 2918 S.W. Blvd. Kc -MO

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(To-Go Plates \$6.00 * Children's Plates \$3.00)

Program

- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm DJ Marty Moreno
- 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm DJ Fernanz-bladez aka Fernando Esquivel
- 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm DJ J Montoya the Al Capone of the Microphone
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Los Favoritos del Norte featuring Richard Trejo
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bobby G & The Brown Sound Band
- 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm Elvis Impersonation John Garcia
- 10:00 pm – 11:00 pm Picante from Topeka, KS.
- DJ Bobby C

Menu: Tacos, Tostadas, Mexican Chille Plate (Beverage included in ticket price)

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Jose Macias Memorial Fundraiser

Marzo 6, 2010

COMIDA - DIVERSION - BAILE - RIFAS

Jose Macias tenia 17 años de edad, cuando su vida fue interrumpida en una balacera en Marzo, 2008. Un acto de violencia sin sentido, dejo a Jose tendido en las calles de KCK. Una bala perforo su pecho y en cuestion de minutos estaba en los brazos de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Hasta la fecha "nadie" ha sido acusado en el caso... Sigue abierto! Ayudenos a aumentar en \$\$\$\$ el actual fondo de recompensa de \$1,000 con TIPS-Hotline. Tenemos que recaudar fondos para lograr una mayor conciencia en Kansas y Missouri. Al aumentar el fondo de recompensa, estamos esperanzados, de que alguien se presente con la informacion adecuada, que conduzca al arresto de los responsables.



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- DJ Bobby C

Menu: Tacos, Tostadas, Plato de Chile Mexicano (Bebidas incluidas en el boleto)

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"I know how hard it is," said Will Suarez

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of state tuition," said Senator Jolie Justus.

Justus has filed the DREAM Act legislation for two years in Missouri. Last week was the first time that the legislation has been granted a hearing by the Senate Education Committee and students in support of the DREAM Act bill traveled to the hearing to support the passage of SB 783, as the legislation is referenced.

The legislation would make certain students eligible for in-state college tuition regardless of their immigration status. The legislation requires higher education institutions in Missouri that receive state funding to provide in-state tuition to students who meet the following guidelines:

- The student has lived with his or her parents or guardian while attending high school in Missouri.
- They have graduated from high school in Missouri or received the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- The student entered the United States before the DREAM Act was signed into law.
- An individual who is not a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident presents a signed affidavit to a higher education institution stating that he or she will file an application to be-

come a permanent resident.

Will Suarez, a sophomore at Johnson County Community College, is working on a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration, and he finds it heart breaking that Latino students are being denied their dreams to attend college.

"I know how hard it is. Society is closing their doors to them. I decided to become an advocate for these students," he said.

Suarez along with 30 students from the Kansas City and St. Louis communities traveled to Jefferson City, Missouri last week to give a voice to the undocumented students. The undocumented students did not have a voice when they were brought as infants or toddlers to the United States. Their parents made the decision to cross the border into the United States to give them a better life and the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

"The students didn't put themselves in this situation, it was the parent's decision to come to this country and the students have to pay the price for it. The students are frustrated by a broken immigration system and they are certainly being punished by this system that we currently have. Parents shouldn't be blamed for wanting their kids to have a better future but we shouldn't punish the children," said Suarez.

Expecting to testify in front of the Education Committee, the 30

students came prepared but due to time constraints did not get the opportunity to speak. They were surprised when they saw only supporters of the bill. Not one organization was there in opposition. The hearing was well attended by immigration advocates and DREAM Activists. The Missouri Immigrant Refugee Advocate (MIRA), Missouri National Education Association (MNEA), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and Catholic Charities and students from Kansas and Missouri DREAM Alliance stood in front of the committee showing support for the bill.

Yahaira Carrillo, KS-MO DREAM Activist was not able to travel to Jefferson City last week, but she told Hispanic News that the students who did, received resounding support from community members.

"No one was there to testify against the bill so that is a highlight of our work that happened last week because that doesn't usually happen," said Carrillo.

Justus has heard from high school guidance counselors in Missouri that the students need to have hope that they will be able to attend college and receive help with scholarships, financial aid and in-state tuition.

"They want the bill to pass because they are telling me we have kids who are at risk of dropping out of school, at risk of joining gang activity, but if we can keep them engaged and

in school then we are going to be able to put them on a path to becoming the next generation of doctors, lawyers and tax-paying citizens," said Justus.

Suarez has spoken with counselors who work in the Missouri school districts and like Justus has heard the same information. "The counselors who work with undocumented students in Missouri tell me that students are really discouraged of even finishing high school right now because of their immigration status. They know that it is almost impossible to attend a college or university in Missouri. They are really discouraged," he said.

The undocumented students that are able to attend a college are driving across the state line into Kansas, which has passed the DREAM Act, to attend school. The students are hard working individuals who are working either part-time or full time while attending college, but are determined that they will get a college degree.

"It is amazing to see that they are not letting a law in Missouri stop them from achieving their goal and they are willing to drive the distance and pay whatever rate they have to pay to go to school," said Carrillo.

Justus told Hispanic News that it is unlikely that the DREAM Act bill will pass this year. The next step for the bill is to get enough votes to advance the bill out of the Edu-



"The students are frustrated by a broken immigration system and they are certainly being punished by this system that we currently have. Parents shouldn't be blamed for wanting their kids to have a better future but we shouldn't punish the children," said Suarez. "Los estudiantes están frustrados por un deteriorado sistema de inmigración y ellos ciertamente están siendo castigados por el sistema que actualmente tenemos. A los padres no deberían culpárseles por querer que sus hijos tengan un futuro mejor, pero nosotros no deberíamos castigar a los niños", dijo Suárez.

cation Committee. According to Justus, any bill in the Missouri Legislature takes a while to travel through the system. In the four years that she has been at the Capital, she has introduced bills each year and she is still working on them.

"I look at this as a long process. We are going to have to continue to educate, we are going to have to continue to contact our Representatives and Senators and ask them to support the bill. I am in for the long haul and as long as I am down here I will continue to

keep fighting for it," she said.

The alternative for undocumented students who are not able to afford college on their own is that they will either drop out of high school or they will be employed at minimum wage jobs. "We have to look at that from an economic standpoint as well as a humanitarian standpoint. When you deny someone the opportunity to educate themselves, you are not just hurting that person, you are hurting the community where that person lives," said Carrillo.

"Yo sé que es difícil," dijo Will Suarez.

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reciben fondos del estado les ofrezcan tarifas propias de residentes del estado a estudiantes que cumplan con los siguientes requisitos:

• Que el estudiante haya vivido con sus padres o apoderados al momento en que hayan asistido a una escuela secundaria en Missouri.

• Que se hayan graduado de una secundaria en Missouri o hayan obtenido la equivalencia de un diploma de educación secundaria (GED).

• El estudiante que haya entrado a los Estados Unidos antes de que se firmara el Acta DREAM.

• Una persona que no es ciudadana o residente permanente de los EE.UU. y que le presente una declaración jurada a una institución de educación superior declarando que él o ella llenará una solicitud para convertirse en residente permanente.



Will Suarez, un estudiante de segundo año del Colegio Comunitario del Condado de Johnson, está estudiando para obtener un título de Bachiller en Administración Pública y el siente que es algo que parte del corazón que a estudiantes latinos se les nieguen sus sueños de asistir a la universidad.

"Yo sé lo difícil que es. La sociedad le está cerrando las puertas. Yo me decidí a abogar por estos estudiantes", dijo él.

Suarez junto a otros 30 estudiantes de las comunidades de Kansas City y St. Louis viajaron a Jefferson City, Missouri la semana pasada para ser una voz para los estudiantes indocumentados. Los estudiantes indocumentados no tenían una voz cuando a ellos se les trajo siendo niños pequeños a los EE.UU. Sus padres tomaron la decisión de cruzar la frontera

hacia EE.UU. para darles una vida mejor y la oportunidad de lograr sus sueños.

"Los estudiantes no se pusieron ellos mismos en esta situación, fue la decisión de los padres la de venir a este país y los estudiantes tienen que pagar el precio de ello. Los estudiantes se sienten frustrados por un sistema de inmigración deteriorado y ellos ciertamente están siendo castigados por el sistema que tenemos actualmente. A los padres no se les debería culpar por querer un futuro mejor para sus hijos, pero nosotros no deberíamos castigar a los niños", dijo Suarez.

Esperando testificar en frente del Comité de Educación, los 30 estudiantes vinieron preparados, pero debido a restricciones de tiempo, ellos no tuvieron la oportunidad de hablar. Ellos quedaron sorprendidos cuando vieron solamente a partidarios del proyecto de ley. Ninguna organización se encontraba en oposición. La audiencia fue bien asistida por quienes abogan por la inmigración y activistas del Acta DREAM. Abogacía para Refugiados Inmigrantes de Missouri (MIRA), la Asociación Educativa Nacional de Missouri (MNEA), el Sindicato Internacional de Empleados de Servicios (SEIU) y Caridades Católicas y estudiantes de la Alianza DREAM de Kansas y Missouri posaron en frente del comité demostrando su apoyo al proyecto de ley.

Yahaira Carrillo, Activista de KS-MO DREAM no pudo viajar a Jefferson City la semana pasada, pero ella le dijo a Hispanic News que los estudiantes que lo hicieron, recibieron un sonado apoyo de parte de miembros de la comunidad.

"Nadie estuvo allí para testificar en contra del proyecto de ley, por lo que ello fue una luminaria de nuestro trabajo que sucedió la semana pasada ya que eso no ocurre usualmente", dijo Carrillo.

Justus ha escuchado de parte de consejeros guías de las secundarias en Missouri que los estudiantes necesitan tener esperanzas de que podrán ser capaces de asistir a la universidad y recibir ayuda con becas, ayuda financiera y tarifas de pago propias de quienes residen en el estado.

"Ellos quieren que el proyecto de ley sea aprobado porque me están diciendo que hay muchachos



que están en peligro de abandonar la escuela, en riesgo de unirse a una actividad de pandillas, pero si los pudiéramos mantener participando y en la escuela, entonces vamos a poder ponerlos en una senda para que se conviertan en la nueva generación de médicos, abogados y ciudadanos que pagan impuestos", dijo Justus.

Suarez ha platicado con consejeros que trabajan en los distritos escolares de Missouri y tal como Justus ha escuchado la misma información. "Los consejeros que trabajan con estudiantes indocumentados en Missouri me dicen que están verdaderamente desalentados de incluso finalizar la escuela secundaria en estos momentos debido a sus estatus migratorios. Ellos saben que es casi imposible asistir a un colegio o universidad en Missouri. Ellos están verdaderamente desilusionados", dijo él.

Los estudiantes indocumentados que son capaces de asistir a la universidad están conduciendo a través de la línea estatal hacia Kansas, la cual ha pasado el Acta DREAM, para que asistan a la escuela. Los estudiantes son personas que trabajan con ahínco y que lo hacen ya sea de medio tiempo o a tiempo completo mientras asisten a la universidad, pero están determinados de que obtendrán un título universitario.

"Es increíble de ver que no están dejando que una ley en Missouri los prive de lograr sus objetivos y ellos están dispuestos a pagar para ir a la escuela", dijo Carrillo.

Justus le dijo a Hispanic News que es poco probable que el Acta DREAM pase este año. El paso siguiente para el proyecto de ley es conseguir suficientes votos para avanzar el proyecto de ley en el Comité de la Educación. Según Justus, cualquier proyecto de ley en la Legislatura de Missouri toma

un tiempo mientras viaje a través del sistema. En los cuatro años que ella ha estado en la capital, ella ha introducido proyectos de leyes cada año y aún está trabajando en ellos.

"Yo esto lo veo como un largo proceso. Vamos a tener que continuar educando, vamos a tener que continuar contactando a nuestros Representantes y Senadores y pedirles que apoyen el proyecto de

ley. Yo estoy dispuesta a hacer el largo viaje y mientras esté aquí continuaré luchando por ello", dijo ella.

La alternativa para los estudiantes indocumentados que no pueden costear la universidad por cuenta propia, es que ya sea tendrán que abandonar la secundaria o ser empelados por un trabajo de bajos ingresos. "Tenemos que mirar ese problema desde una

perspectiva económica además de humanitaria. Cuando uno le niega a alguien la oportunidad de educarse a ellos mismos, uno no solamente está hiriendo a esa persona, uno también está hiriendo a la comunidad en donde vive esa persona", dijo Carrillo.

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